

In the Claims:

1.(original) A process for removing colour stains from a plastics material, characterized in that the stained plastics material is treated in a dishwashing machine with a formulation comprising a salt of sulphophenyl alkyl carbonate.

2.(original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the salt of sulphophenyl alkyl carbonate is sodium p-sulphophenyl octyl carbonate.

3.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the salt of sulphophenyl alkyl carbonate ~~sodium p-sulphophenyl octyl carbonate~~ is present in the dishwasher washing or rinsing liquor at between 0.01g and 0.6g/litre, more preferably between 0.01g and 0.4g/litre and most preferably between 0.02g and 0.35g/litre.

4.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the formulation further comprises an oxygen source.

5.(currently amended) A process according to claim 4, wherein the oxygen source is present in the formulation in a molar ratio of salt of sulphophenyl alkyl carbonate ~~p-sulphophenyl alkyl carbonate~~ to oxygen source of from 1:3 to 1:40, ~~more preferably from 1:3 to 1:20 and most preferably from 1:3 to 1:12.~~

6.(currently amended) A process according to claim 4 ~~claims 4 or 5~~, wherein the oxygen source is perborate, percarbonate, hydrogen peroxide or a mixture thereof.

7.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the formulation comprises an enzyme.

8.(currently amended) A process according to claim ~~claims~~ 7, wherein the enzyme component comprises an amylase or ~~and~~ a protease.

9.(currently amended) A process according to claim 7 ~~or 8~~, wherein the enzyme is initially separated from a component of the formulation.

10.(original) A formulation according to claim 9, wherein the enzyme is encapsulated.

11.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~, wherein the formulation further comprises a builder.

12.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~, wherein the formulation further comprises a surfactant.

13.(original) A process according to claim 12, wherein the surfactant is a nonionic low sudsing surfactant.

14.(canceled)

15.(currently amended) ~~A process according to claim 14, wherein when in the form of a complete dishwashing detergent the formulation~~ for use in an automatic dishwashing machine comprising ~~comprises~~ from 1 to 15wt% of the salt of sulphophenyl alkyl carbonate, ~~more preferably from 1 to 10wt% and most preferably from 1 to 7wt%.~~

16.(currently amended) ~~A process according to claim 14 wherein in the form of a bleaching additive the formulation~~ for use in an automatic dishwashing machine which comprises up to 100wt% of the salt of sulphophenyl alkyl carbonate, ~~more preferably from 1 to 90wt% and most preferably from 1 to 50wt%.~~

17.(currently amended) A dishwashing detergent formulation ~~process~~ according to claim 15 ~~any one of claims 1 to 16~~, wherein the formulation is in the form of a powder, a tablet or a liquid.

18.(currently amended) An automatic dishwasher detergent formulation, containing

- I) 0 – 30wt%, ~~preferably 0 – 10wt%~~ of a surfactant,
- II) 0-90wt%, ~~preferably 0-75wt%~~ of a builder / co-builder,
- III) 1 – 75wt%, ~~preferably 1-45wt%~~ of a peroxide or a peroxide-forming substance,
and
- IV) 1 - 15wt%, sodium p-sulphophenyl octyl carbonate.

19.(new) An automatic dishwasher detergent formulation according to claim 18,
containing

- I) 0 – 10wt% of a surfactant,
- II) 0-75wt% of a builder / co-builder,
- III) 1 – 45wt% of a peroxide or a peroxide-forming substance, and
- IV) 1 - 15wt%, sodium p-sulphophenyl octyl carbonate.

20.(new) A bleaching additive formulation according to claim 16 wherein the
formulation is in the form of a powder, a tablet or a liquid.